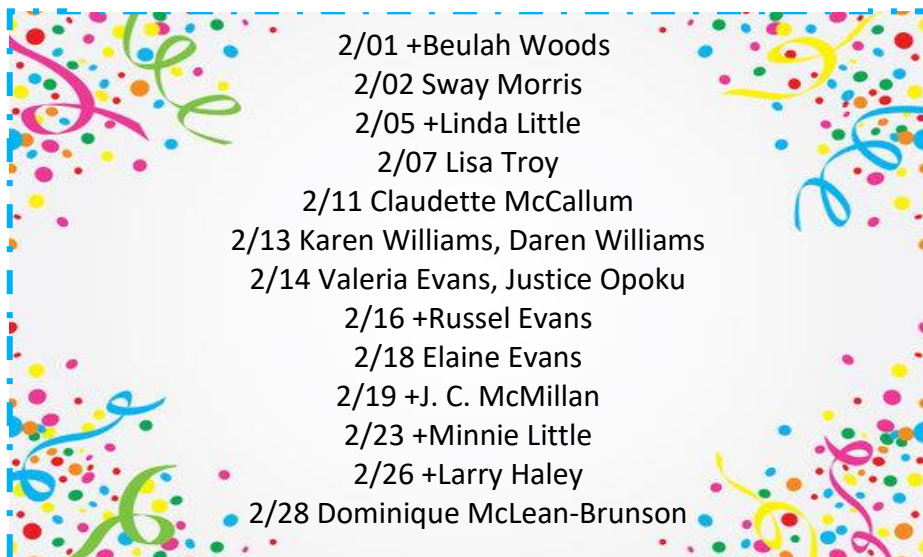


# February Birthdays



2/01 +Beulah Woods  
 2/02 Sway Morris  
 2/05 +Linda Little  
 2/07 Lisa Troy  
 2/11 Claudette McCallum  
 2/13 Karen Williams, Daren Williams  
 2/14 Valeria Evans, Justice Opoku  
 2/16 +Russel Evans  
 2/18 Elaine Evans  
 2/19 +J. C. McMillan  
 2/23 +Minnie Little  
 2/26 +Larry Haley  
 2/28 Dominique McLean-Brunson

## Upcoming Events

- **Feb. 8th** – Pastor and church will render service at Greater Higher Grounds for their pastoral anniversary at 7pm
  - **Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** – Laymen League Breakfast at 8am.  
 Guest Speaker: Judge Krystle Melvin
- *In person Prayer meeting at 3:00pm and Bible study at 3:30pm every Wednesday! Virtual Bible Study at 7:00pm*

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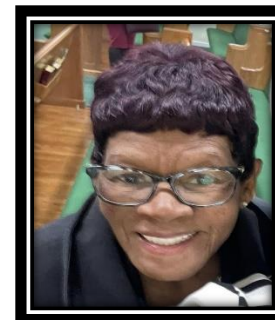
## Sick and Shut In

Sis. Lela Crawford Bro. Willie Hall Bro. Joe Hall  
 Bro. Tony Bridgett Sis. Laura Cade Sis. Shirley Blount  
 Sis. Alma Dawson Sis. Linda Blackmon Sis Louise Underwood  
 Sis. Ann McCormick Sis. Judy Hines Bro. Cameron Dammons  
 Sis. Sandra Cassidy Sis. Gennifier Howard

# February Newsletter

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## *Seasoned Saint Spotlight* *Deloris “Peanut” Jennings*



Sister Deloris Jennings, affectionately known as “Peanut” was born the only child to Ms. Beulah Woods on May 13, 1944. She received her nickname “Peanut” because when she was born, she was the size of a peanut. Consequently, the name has stuck with her all of her life.

Sis. Peanut attended and graduated from J. Hayswood High School in 1963. She went into the workforce and was always a hard-working individual that was a reflection of the work ethic instilled in her as a youth. Sister Deloris is a surviving widow who has always had a love for First Baptist Church and helping others.

She is one of the founding members of the E.B. Turner Chorus and has always loved singing and ushering. Ms. Peanut has worked many years in home health and the medical field before retiring. She loves to stay busy and help anyone in need. She has been volunteering for many years at First Baptist helping with the maintenance and upkeep of the church. From vacuuming, mopping, and glass-cleaning, Ms. Peanut has done it all! She continues to help out as much as she cans, especially for funerals and special services.

Sis. Deloris is a faithful member who was a dedicated attendee to our conference call prayer meeting and bible studies during the pandemic and remains faithful for in-person prayer meetings. She currently serves on the McDuffie-Bostic Usher Ministry, Senior Missionary, First Baptist Music Minstry and the Sanctuary Choir, which she is the current president.

Although Ms. Peanut doesn’t have any biological children, she has mothered many of children and adults in her life and she has a faithful young lady out of town who has “adopted” her as her mother. To know her is to love her because she can light up any room, she is in.

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## A Moment in Black History

**National Theme:** *"African-Americans and the Arts"*

**Sunday, February 4, 2024:** Introduction of the National Theme  
Presented by Sis. Krystle Melvin

**Sunday, February 11, 2024:** Film/Literature Profiles  
Presented by Sis. Lisa Troy

**Sunday, February 18, 2024:** *"A Taste of Black History"* & Fashion  
Presentation

*"A Taste of Black History"* immediately following service in the Fellowship Hall along with a presentation on the African influence in Black culinary arts FBC Youth will present on an African or African-American fashion item or trend from each decade (1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s)

**Sunday, February 25, 2024:** Step Team Presentation, Youth Fashion Presentation, & Special Speaker  
African attire can be worn

Jane McMillan's Step Team group will perform during Worship Service  
FBC Young Adult Praise Team will sing spirituals for selections during Worship Service

## **"Lift Every Voice and Sing..."**

**By Pastor Paul Matthews**

For Black History Month 2024, I am doing a series from the iconic song that first began as a poem in 1900. The author of this poem turned into song is James Weldon Johnson who was teacher, principal, civil rights activist and lawyer. The poem was first recited by 500 black children in Florida in a tribute to President Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Johnson would cite the poem to introduce Booker T. Washington who was visiting his school, Stanton in Jacksonville, Florida. Johnson's brother, John put the poem to music to make it an official song. In 1919, the NAACP adopted the song as it's official Negro National Anthem.

This song has stood the test of time. It is of one that reminds us of where we have come from, the struggles that we have had to endure, the victories that we have accomplished, and the encouragement to keep on fighting "...till victory is won".

The Scriptures share a similar narrative of what the people of God had to face. The many trials and tribulations that were either imposed by their adversaries or consequences of disobeying God, always had the people returning back to the only true Deliverer, God.

James Weldon Johnson's song was written during a time that our ancestors dealt with Jim Crow, lynching and all manner of attacks and oppositions. The song became a cry of resilience of "facing the rising sun". Being descendant of those who preserved, helps us understand the deliverances God's people receive time and time again as well as the unwavering faith in trusting an Almighty God.

"We have come." from the challenges of the 60's, 70s and even the current opposition. Like this song, my prayer is that these messages along with all the other things shared in this year's Black History Month, we will remain "true to our God" and "true to our native land".

## ***Laymen League had State Representative Pastor Garland Pierce as guest speaker***



## **Keeping In Touch**

Hello fellow church members and friends. I hope everyone is staying safe and practicing social distancing. I would like to encourage anyone who would like to write an article or have some information, or an upcoming event that they would like to be in the newsletter, please email me at [fbeltonnc@gmail.com](mailto:fbeltonnc@gmail.com) or drop it off at the church. In case you would like to submit an article for the upcoming month newsletter, you would need to have it in by the last Wednesday of the month. So if you would like to do an article for the month of March, you would need to turn it in no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,  
Kanisha Addison Executive Secretary  
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